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Pumpsets operating in Kalingarayan channel.

* 1088 *Q.*—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government to remove the unauthorized pumpsets operating in the Kalingarayan channel?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"The Government are awaiting a report from the Chief Engineer."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—"சட்டத்திற்கு விரோதமாக அமைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் இஞ்சினகளை எடுத்து விடவேண்டுமென்ற சாக்கார் உத்தரவுக்குப் பிறகும் சட்ட விரோதமாக பம்ப் செட்டுகள் ஓடிக்கொண்டிருக்கின்றனவா ?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"We are awaiting the report of the Chief Engineer."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—"Representations were made to the Government both on behalf of the ryots of Kalingarayan and Pugalur channels for removing these pumpsets which have been fixed by rich landlords belonging to the Congress party. Then, the Government issued orders, which were published in the Gazette, prohibiting these pumpsets. In spite of the Government Order remaining in force, the pumpsets are still being continued. May I know the reasons for the same?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"I do not know whether the hon. Member is referring to the Pugalur channel. So far as the Kalingarayan channel is concerned, we are awaiting the report."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—"Are the Government aware that even in this Kalingarayan channel, there is wholesale unauthorized operation of pumpsets by the wealthy landowners?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Eviction suits under the Malabar Tenancy Act.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Sir, questions 1089, 1090 and 1095 relate to the same subject. I shall answer all the three questions together."

MR. SPEAKER :—"Yes."

* 1089 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state how many eviction suits were filed in the Courts of Malabar under the Malabar Tenancy Act within the six months and before 15th March 1953?

8-50 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"4,417."

* 1090 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state what is the total number of suits for eviction filed under the Malabar Tenancy Act between 15th February and 15th March 1953?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" 3,078."

* 1095 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of eviction suits filed in Malabar between 1st January and 28th February 1953 and between 1st March and 16th March 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Between 1st January and 28th February 1953—632.

" Between 1st March and 16th March 1953—2,597."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that several courts have not stayed such suits and are proceeding with the trial and in view of this, will Government issue an Ordinance staying all eviction suits and eviction proceedings pending disposal of the Malabar Tenancy Bill now before the Assembly? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I think the courts act under the law prevailing now. The comprehensive Bill on the subject is before the Joint Select Committee which will be meeting shortly."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the comprehensive Bill does not contain any provisions to tighten up eviction proceedings, would the Hon. Minister in charge agree to be influenced by the large number of eviction suits? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. I will consider."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, inasmuch as 2,000 suits have been filed in the course of 15 days and many of them are intended to circumvent the possible change under the Tenancy Legislation, will the Government be pleased to stop all evictions by means of an Ordinance? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the issue of an Ordinance is an extraordinary thing which requires to be looked into carefully."

SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Sir, do the numbers given include the number of suits in the Hosdrug District Munsif's Court in South Kanara and what was the number of cases there? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" Sir, have the Government got any programme to stop the Jenmis from evicting the peasants, who have not been able to pay arrears of rent due to drought? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" All that will be gone into when we consider the Bill."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that the issue of an Ordinance is an extraordinary thing. In Malabar,